

SAINTS MARKELLA AND DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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The holy Martyr Isaurus, a deacon, and Basil and Innocent were from Athens. In the reign of Numerian (283-284), they came to Apollonia (most likely, the city in Illyricum); there encountering Felix, Peregrinus, and Hermias hidden in a cave, they strengthened them in their Faith. Betrayed to Tripontius the Proconsul, all but Isaurus and Innocent were beheaded; these last two Tripontius gave over to his son, Apollonius, who tormented them, and then had them beheaded.

WORSHIP GUIDE

June 17, 2018

Resurrectional Apolytikion, Mode 2

When You descended to the realm of death You as life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity. And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead all the hosts of heaven's powers did proclaim and cry out, O life giving Christ and our God we give glory.

Apolytikion for the Saints, Mode 3

The nine who are companions of God the Word, Isaurus, Felis and Hermas, Peregrinos and Innocent, Manual and Basil, glorious Ishmail and blessed Sabil, put to flight the enemy hosts, an the Lors's Martyrs you received the prize of glory.

Troparion of St. Markella, Mode 1

Obedient to the laws of the Lord and to His divine teachings, you kept them blamelessly, O Markella and being frightened of the violence of your father who pursued you. O pure bride of Christ you hid in the mountains where he found you and took your life. Glory to Him who has given you strength, Glory to Him who has crowned you, Glory to Him who works healings through you to everyone.

Troparion of St. Demetrios, Mode 3

The world found in you a great champion in danger. A victor who could turn the nations back. As you restrained Levi in the arena, you also inspired Nestor to courage. Therefore, Holy Great Martyr Demetrios, entreat Christ God, to grant us great, great mercy!

Seasonal Kontakion, Mode 2

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Mode 2. Psalm 117 (118).

The Lord is my strength and my song, and He became my salvation.

The Reading is from Paul's Letter to the Romans. (5:1-11)

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. (6:22-33)

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

TODAY IN OUR PARISH

3rd Sunday of St. Matthew
Father's Day

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL !!

Monday, June 18

9 AM - 12:30 PM

Tuesday - Thursday, June 19 - 21

9:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Coffee Hour Host: *Youth Ministries for Father's Day*
Next Week's Hosts: *Open*

Ushers and Greeters: *Cookie Kostopoulos, Steve Paros,
Jeanette Rosa, and Mark Simunovich*

Altar Boys: *Elias Arvanitakis, Zacharias Fletcher, Nicolai Kasch,
Jonathan Morgan, Jack Pughe,
Constantine Sneider, and Efstathios Sneider*



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS RACHEL McBROOM!

Special Congratulations to our recent High School graduate Rachel McBroom for recently being awarded the Kay Stokes Scholarship from the Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club. May God continue to bless Rachel in her Education.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Our first International food Festival will be on Sunday, July 29 following Divine Liturgy. We have excellent response for this, and currently there are nine persons offering seven various cuisines. Hungarian, Jamaican, Lebanese, Spanish, Thai, Greek and, yes, American cuisine are being offered. We would love to have more! Please see Chairperson Trina Fallon for details.

MAINTENANCE MINISTRY

We have set a Maintenance Day at the Church for Saturday, July 28. Please see Mark Simunovich or Fr. Thomas for details. We will also be having our Fall Cleanup on November 3 and a Christmas Prep Maintenance Day on December 15.

GREEK FESTIVAL 2018

Please mark you Calendars for Friday, August 31, Saturday, September 1 and Sunday, September 2, which are the dates for this year's Greek Festival. Preparations are underway. We have a great time together as a Community doing this each year, and we look forward to everyone's help again in 2018!

COFFEE HOUR SIGNUP

Please consider helping the Parish by sponsoring Coffee Hour, perhaps one Sunday per family throughout the year. The coffee hour signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board leading to the hall. Opportunities to host are available throughout the year. Thank you to all our coffee hour hosts!

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us today for worship. This is information to help make your worship experience more meaningful.

At 10:00 am the Divine Liturgy, which is the main worship service of the Orthodox Church, begins with the words from the priest “Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...”

The beginning of the service may be found on page 1 of the small red book entitled *The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*. Each Sunday the Epistle, Gospel, and certain hymns change to express what is being celebrated that day. This guide has them printed out for you so you may follow along more easily.

We welcome people of all faiths and denominations to worship with us and appreciate your presence. For those who are not Orthodox Christians we ask that you not receive the Holy Communion when it is offered to the congregation. Those visitors who are Orthodox Christians may receive Communion provided you normally receive at your home parish and have not been restricted in any way. For Orthodox Christians, when in doubt whether to receive or not, please ask Fr. Thomas in advance and he will be happy to advise you.

For those of you visiting an Orthodox Christian Church for the first time, we pray that you have a very meaningful worship experience. Orthodox worship reaches all five senses. Through sight with the icons, church architecture and the movement of worship; through smell with the use of incense; through sound through the beauty of the Church music; through taste with the receiving of Holy Communion; and through touch with lighting of candles, crossing oneself, and the veneration of icons.

You will find that the Orthodox place a great emphasis on reverence in worship. Our reverence is serious, but also very joyful as well.

Please ask one of the attendants in the Narthex (the back of the church) if you have any questions. May God continue to bless and keep all of us.

PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Please bring names of your loved ones, both living and deceased, so the priest may pray for them. We pray for all people. With Divine Liturgy, the names of the Orthodox are commemorated during the Proskomidi (the Preparation of the Gifts) and during Liturgy.

Erica Ailes	Jake Hoskin	Anastas Pazevic
Katia Antonis	Cleopatra Hughes & Family	Wes Picard
Gene & Alexis Bass	Nancy Janos	Tina Puffer
The Boltz Family	Raymond Paul Johnson	Edward Scruggs & Family
Lark Tringas Bostick	Katheryn Kaffoglou	Constantine Sneider
Kathy Bowdoin & Family	Mary Spiridoula Kalista	Steve Stephanopoulos
Mary Ann Carr	Philip Kanellopoulos	Stanojka Stevanovic
Litsa Carrion	Sheree Kanellopoulos	David Stewart
Vonni Cobb	George Karov	Janet Sutherland
Angela Walters Comfort	Craig Kasch	Col. Philip Trexler
Max Copeland	Georgie Kasch	Sue and John Tullis
Bob & Ronnie Coradoza	Carl Kruljac	Lou Vagias, Sr.
Jamie Douglas	Atticus LaRoe	Dana Visoiu
Fr. George Dursa	Julie Mamani	Badra Walters
Dorothy Eshelman	Angela McBroom	
Zachary Fletcher	Ariel McBroom	All service men and women
John Griffith	Nicholas McBroom	who are deployed overseas
Lynne Griffith	George Michas	
Chryssoula Henderson	Joey Newborn	
Angela Hlavity	Butch Otis	
Jim Hobson	Janice Parton	

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STEWARDSHIP 2018

The following individuals/families have submitted a Pledge Card for 2018:

Charles and Margaret Abbate
Darin Bell
Betty Jo Billups
George and Lia Boltz
Tim & Vicki Boolos
Vonni Cobb
Harold and Anita Diamond
Trina Fallon
Scott and Lynne Fehrenbach
Keith & Rebecca Fletcher
Zachary Fletcher
Malpa Fuller
Nadina Garbu
Alan and Mary Gardner
Terri Grammas
Susan Horner
Alexandra Jazayeri
George and Julia Karov
Craig and Mariya Kasch
Barbara "Cookie" Kostopoulos
Helen Kuritz
Alexandra LaRoche
Paul and Candace Lamitina
Alexandr and Cristina Iurenco
Dr. and Mrs. George Michas
Dr. Paul and Julie Michas

Thomas Michas
Louis and Maria McCloud
Connie Morgan
Matthew & Megan Morgan
Margaret Morrison
Andrew Nicolopoulos
Joe and Despina O'Neil
Patricia Overholt
Cristian and Adriana Parfene
Steve and Veta Paros
Nicholas & Tanya Papadopoulos
Dale & Molly Perkins
Giani Purcea and Roxanna Donica
Jeannette Rosa
Joan Salazar
Veaceslav and Oxana Sestovschi
Mark and Iris Simunovich
Michael and Alexandra Sneider
Angelos and Katrina Thomas
Karl and Sandy Trammell
Alex and Susan Tringas
Lou Vagias Sr.
Nicholas and Candace Vlahos
John Walker
Joyce & Harold Walter
Mary Walters

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)